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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims

1. (Currently amended): A controlled release oral dosage form comprising 5-[4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2 pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, dispersed in a carrier comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable waxy mixture of glyceride-based materials, having an HLB value of 4 to 12, and an average melting point in the range of 50 to 55°C, wherein the oral dosage form comprises a stable polymorphic form of a macrogol glyceride.

Claims 2-7 (Cancelled).

- 8. (Previously presented): An oral dosage form according to claim 1, in which the pharmaceutically acceptable waxy mixture of glyceride-based materials is waxy material obtainable by an alcoholysis/esterification reaction between a vegetable oil and a polyethylene glycol.
- 9. (Previously presented): An oral dosage form according to claim 8, in which the vegetable oil is a hydrogenated oil.
- 10. (Previously presented): An oral dosage form according to claim 9, in which the vegetable oil is hydrogenated palm oil.

Claim 11 (Cancelled).

12. (Previously presented): An oral dosage form according to claim 1, in which the carrier and 5-[4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2 pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof are moulded to form a tablet.

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13. (Previously presented): An oral dosage form according to claim 1, in which the carrier and 5-[4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2 pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof are filled into capsule shells to form swallow capsules.

14. (Previously presented): A method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diabetes mellitus, conditions associated with diabetes mellitus and certain complications thereof, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's Disease, psoriasis, asthma and metabolic syndrome, which comprises administering an effective amount of a controlled release oral dosage form as claimed in claim 1 to a human or non-human mammal in need thereof.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

16. (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a controlled release oral dosage form according to claim 1 which comprises dispersing 5-[4-[2-(N-methyl-N-(2 pyridyl)amino)ethoxy]benzyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof, in a molten carrier comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable waxy mixture of glyceride-based materials, having an HLB value of 4 to 12, and an average melting point in the range of 50 to 55°C, filling the molten mixture into tablet moulds or capsule shells, allowing the carrier to solidify, and optionally thereafter maintaining the solidified dosage form at a temperature of at least 40°C, but below the melting point of the carrier, for a time sufficient to allow the [[earrier]] macrogol glyceride to achieve a stable polymorphic form.

Claim 17 (Cancelled).